

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A method for collecting legacy data from a legacy device surveillance system in a non-intrusive manner and transmitting it to a comprehensive networked an intelligent surveillance system, comprising the steps of:

a. reading the legacy output data generated by a the legacy device surveillance system;

b. transmitting the legacy output data to a system server the intelligent surveillance system; and

c. managing the legacy output data via the intelligent surveillance system server.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, including the step of assigning an identifier to the legacy output data for defining the a type of legacy device surveillance system.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the identifier also identifies the a location of the legacy device surveillance system.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reading step comprises reading the legacy output data on an RS232 output port of the legacy device surveillance system.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reading step comprises reading the legacy output data on a serial output port of the legacy device surveillance system.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the legacy device surveillance system includes a processor having open database connectivity to a database and wherein the reading step comprises reading the legacy output data in the database.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~comprehensive networked~~ the intelligent surveillance system includes a server and wherein the legacy device surveillance system is driven by legacy software, the method further including ~~the initial step of~~ loading the legacy software in the intelligent surveillance system server and wherein the legacy device output data is transmitted to the server and managed by the legacy software, and wherein the reading step includes reading the legacy output data transmitted to the server.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the legacy output data is transmitted in the transmitting step via ~~the~~ Ethernet.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~networked~~ intelligent surveillance system includes a camera activated by an event in a zone of the camera zone, and wherein an output signal from ~~a~~ the legacy device surveillance system in the zone of the camera will activate the camera.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~networked~~ intelligent surveillance system includes networked appliances responsive to an event, and wherein an output signal from a legacy device will activate an appliance response.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, including a plurality of legacy devices or legacy surveillance systems, each producing a unique legacy output signal, each of which is transmitted to the ~~networked~~ intelligent surveillance system in the transmitting step.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, including ~~the step of~~ assigning a unique identifier to the legacy output data for defining each legacy device or legacy surveillance system.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein each unique identifier also identifies ~~the a~~ unique location of the legacy device or legacy surveillance system.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, including a plurality of legacy systems, each system including a legacy device producing a legacy output signal, and wherein the plurality of legacy systems are not compatible with one another.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the legacy output signal is ~~the a~~ printer port output signal.

16. (currently amended) An apparatus for collecting legacy data from a legacy ~~device~~ surveillance system in a non-intrusive manner and transmitting it to a ~~comprehensive networked~~ an intelligent surveillance system, comprising:

- a. a network server associated with the intelligent surveillance system ;
- b. a legacy device having an output port through which a legacy output signal is transmitted; and
- c. a transmitter for transmitting the legacy output signal to the ~~network~~ server.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the output port is a serial output port.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the output port is an RS232 port.

19. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the output port is a printer port.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the legacy device including includes open database connectivity to a legacy database and wherein the transmitter device receives the legacy output data from the legacy device database.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the server is adapted for assigning an identifier to the legacy output data signal for identifying the legacy device.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter is the an Ethernet connection.

23. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the networked intelligent surveillance system includes networked appliances responsive to an event, and wherein an output signal from a legacy device will activate an appliance response.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the networked intelligent surveillance system includes a camera activated by an event in a zone of the camera zone, and wherein an output signal from a legacy device in the zone of the camera will activate the camera.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, including a plurality of legacy devices, each producing an unique legacy output signal, each of which is transmitted to the networked system by the transmitter.

26. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein ~~an~~ a unique identifier is assigned to each legacy output ~~data~~ signal for defining each legacy device.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein each unique identifier also identifies ~~the~~ a unique location of the legacy device.

28. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 16, including a plurality of legacy systems, each system including a legacy device producing a legacy output signal, and wherein the plurality of legacy systems are not compatible with one another.

29. (original) A method for capturing legacy data using a legacy serial output port, comprising:

testing an input port;

if legacy data is being received from the input port, testing a legacy serial output port;

testing a socket connection to a server;

determining if a log is open;

if the log is open, writing the data to the log;

writing the data to the output port; and

writing the data to the socket.

30. (original) A method for capturing legacy data using a legacy system computer, comprising:

reading a legacy database;

saving the read database in a legacy server;

if the database changes, logging the change;

checking a socket connection to the server; and
if the socket is connected to the server, writing the changes to the socket.

31. (original) A method for capturing legacy data using a legacy serial output port, comprising:

testing an input port;
if legacy data is being received from the input port, testing a legacy serial output port;

testing a socket connection to a server;
writing the data to the output port; and
writing the data to the socket.

32. (currently amended) A method for capturing legacy data from a legacy surveillance system, comprising:

capturing legacy device data in a ~~multi-media~~ an intelligent surveillance system server;
creating a socket;
reading legacy data from the legacy surveillance system via the created socket; and
storing the legacy data in a database associated with the ~~multi-media~~ intelligent surveillance system server.

33. (currently amended) A method for managing legacy data from a legacy surveillance system, comprising:

receiving a legacy alert signal, from the legacy surveillance system, at a ~~multi-media~~ an intelligent surveillance system server; and
zooming, by a camera, to a location of the alert based on ~~the~~ a proximity of the camera to the location.